

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5 are pending in this application. The Examiner maintained the rejection of Claims 1, 3, and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being unpatentable over *Moshaiov et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,256,634 B1.) (hereinafter, *Moshaiov*.) The Examiner also maintained the rejection of Claims 2 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Moshaiov* in view of *Matusevich et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,119,016.) (hereinafter, *Matusevich*.)

As indicated above, Claims 1 and 3 have been amended to further clarify the claimed invention. Accordingly, no new matter has been introduced.

As to independent Claim 1, the Examiner maintained the rejection of this claim under §102(b) alleging that the *Moshaiov* teaches each and every limitation of Claim 1. After reviewing *Moshaivo* in light of the Examiner's comments in the Response to Arguments section of the Office Action, and in light of amended Claim 1, Applicant respectfully disagrees.

On page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner in particular maintained the allegation that *Moshaiov* discloses the recitation of "wherein the master periodically sends identifier information for first data that the network contains to at least one slave," as recited by Claim 1 of the application. (See page 4 of the *Office Action*.) However, it is respectfully submitted that Claim 1 has been amended to further define that it is the master element which *periodically* and *wirelessly* sends identifier information for first data that the network contains to at least one slave.

In this case, although throughout the entire text of *Moshaiov* both a "master" element and a "slave" element are disclosed, nowhere in *Moshaiov* is it even fairly taught or suggested the

recitation of “wherein the master periodically and “wirelessly” sends identifier information for first data that the network contains *to at least one slave*,” as presently recited in amended Claim 1.

In Claim 1, the Examiner further maintained the allegation that *Moshaiov* discloses, in part, the recitation of “wherein the slave...receives the second data through a shared channel,” citing col. 16, lns. 59-67 and col. 17, lns. 1-13. Here, although these cited lines in *Moshaiov* teach, again, a slave element, it remains that these lines do not teach or even fairly suggest the slave element receiving second data via “*a shared channel*,” as recited in amended Claim 1 and as similarly recited in Claim 3 of the present application. In essence, the Examiner has not pointed to, and simply cannot point to, any passage in *Moshaiov* that teaches this recitation.

Accordingly, as *Moshaiov* in its entirety fails to teach each and every limitation of amended Claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that amended Claim 1 is now believed to be allowable over *Moshaiov*.

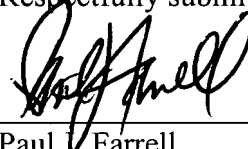
As to independent Claim 3, the Examiner maintained the rejection of this claim under §102(b) contending, likewise, that Claim 3 contained similar recitations as those set forth in Claim 1. Nevertheless, after reviewing the Examiner’s comments, it is respectfully submitted that Claim 3 has been amended, as set forth above, in a manner similar to amended Claim 1. In other words, Claim 3 has been amended so as to further define that it is both the “*master*” and “*slave*” described therein that communicate “*wirelessly*” via a shared channel. Accordingly, in view of this amendment, it is respectfully submitted that amended Claim 3 is likewise believed to be in condition for allowance.

As for Claims 2, 4, and 5, the Examiner maintained the rejection of Claims 2 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) and Claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), contending in particular that Claim 4 contained similar recitations as in Claim 2. However, these claims are all dependent claims; accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that if the above arguments place the independent claims

into condition for allowance, then these dependent claims are likewise believed to be in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-5, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

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